#### Mississippi Title XIX Waivers

### 1. Statewideness—Sections 1902(a)(1) and 1902(a)(17)

To enable Mississippi to implement a program to provide benefits to evacuees who are determined to be eligible under a Home State Medicaid program on less than a statewide basis.

# 2. Comparability—Section 1902(a)(10)(B)

To enable Mississippi to offer benefits to evacuees that are not comparable to the benefits offered by the Home State or Host States to categorically needy individuals or to other individuals in the same eligibility group.

### 3. Fair Hearings and Notices—Section 1902(a)(3)

To enable Mississippi to make determinations of temporary eligibility status for a period of up to 5 months without according the right to fair hearings or appeals of adverse determinations that would be available for determinations with respect to eligibility status under the State plan. Nothing in this waiver limits the rights of such individuals to seek a determination of permanent eligibility status in the Home State with the right to fair hearings or appeals of adverse determinations.

# 4. Cooperation in Establishing Paternity—Section 1902(a)(45)

To permit Mississippi to determine eligibility for evacuees under the Home State program without requiring applicants to comply with paternity cooperation requirements of section 1912.

### 5. Provider Agreements—Section 1902(a)(32)

To permit the provision of care in Mississippi by individuals or entities who have not executed a Provider Agreement with the Home State Medicaid Agency but have such an agreement with Mississippi.

# 6. Annual Redeterminations of Eligibility—Sections 1902(a)(4) and 1902(a)(19)

To permit delay of otherwise required redeterminations between August 24, 2005 and June 30, 2006, for evacuees enrolled in Mississippi's title XIX program. At Mississippi's option, current enrollees in title XIX program not considered evacuees who are due for recertification between September 30, 2005, and June 30, 2006, will have their enrollment period extended.

# 7. Retroactive Eligibility—Section 1902(a)(34)

To enable Mississippi to waive the requirement to provide medical assistance for up to 3 months prior to the date that application for assistance under a temporary eligibility period is made for evacuees.

### 8. Third Party Liability—Section 1902(a)(25)

To waive the requirement that the Host State collect sufficient information about third party liability at the time of any determination or redetermination of eligibility, if such collection is not possible at that time.

# 9. Comparability of Eligibility—Section 1902(a)(17)

To enable Mississippi to determine financial eligibility without using the income and resource methodologies of the AFDC or SSI programs.

#### Title XXI Waivers

## 1. Eligibility Screening—Section 2102(a)

The State child health plan of Mississippi does not have to reflect the evacuee population.

### 2. Eligibility Screening—Section 2103(a)

The title XXI simplified eligibility chart criteria will be followed when enrolling evacuee children from the Home States.

# 3. Annual Reporting Requirements—Section 2108

To permit not applying annual reporting requirements to this evacuee population.

### 4. Annual Redeterminations—Section 2102

To permit the delay of otherwise required annual redeterminations for the Home/Mississippi's title XXI program between August 24, 2005, and June 30, 2006.

# Mississippi Medicaid Costs Not Otherwise Matchable

Under the authority of section 1115(a)(2) of the Act, State expenditures under the section 1115 demonstration described below (which would not otherwise be included as matchable expenditures under section 1903) shall, for the period of the project, be regarded as expenditure under the State's title XIX plan. All requirements of the Medicaid statute will be applicable to such expenditures, except those specified below as not applicable to these expenditure authorities. In addition, all requirements in the enclosed Special Terms and Conditions (STCs) will apply to these expenditure authorities.

- 1. Mississippi expenditures, including administrative and benefit costs of extending benefits during a temporary eligibility period to evacuees who fit into the demonstration population consisting of parents, pregnant women, children under age 19, individuals with disabilities, low-income Medicare recipients, and low-income individuals in need of long-term care with incomes up to and including the levels listed on the simplified eligibility chart are determined to be eligible under a Mississippi Medicaid program.
- 2. Expenditures for Home and Community-Based Services for evacuees, including administrative and benefit costs.

# Section 1115 demonstration SCHIP Costs Not Otherwise Matchable

In addition, under the authority of section 1115(a)(2) of the Act, as incorporated into title XXI by section 2106(e)(2)(A), State expenditures described below (which would not otherwise be included as matchable expenditures under title XXI), shall, for the period of this project, be regarded as matchable expenditures under the State's title XXI plan. All requirements of the title XXI statute will be applicable to such expenditures, except specified below as not applicable to these expenditure authorities. In addition, all requirements in the enclosed STCs will apply to these expenditure authorities.

- 1. Mississippi expenditures including both administrative and benefit costs of extending benefits during a temporary eligibility period to evacuees who are determined to be eligible under a Home State SCHIP program.
- 2. To permit Federal matching payment for the provision of medical assistance on behalf of a child during a temporary eligibility period that is not implemented in accordance with section 1920A.
- 3. The State will establish a process to ensure that demonstration expenditures do not exceed the State's available title XXI funding. No Federal funding for any State program or for participants not income-eligible according to the STCs.

# ATTACHMENT B

# **Evacuee Eligibility Simplification Based on Home State Eligibility Rules**

| Simplified Eligibility Groups                    | FPL Levels                   |
|--|------------------------------|
|  | up to and including 200% FPL |
| Children Under Age 19                            | up to and including 185% FPL |
| Pregnant Women from Louisiana and Mississippi    |                              |
| Pregnant Women from Alabama                      | up to and including 133% FPL |
| Individuals with Disabilities                    | up to and including 300% SSI |
|  | up to and including 100% FPL |
| Low-income Medicare Recipients                   | up to and including 300% SSI |
| Low-income Individuals in need of Long Term Care |                              |
| Low-income Parents of Children Under Age 19      | up to and including 100% FPL |